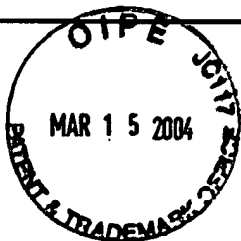


## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of Short et al.

Application Number 10/652849

Filed 08/29/03

For Method of Promoting Employee Wellness And Health Insurance Strategy for Same

Art Unit

Examiner

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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- ☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 210.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

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☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 35,949

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Short et al.

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Application No: 10/652849

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METHOD OF PROMOTING  
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS AND  
HEALTH INSURANCE STRATEGY  
FOR SAME

Atty. Dkt. No: S.WELL

PETITION TO WAIVE EXTENSION OF TIME FEES AND RESTART RESPONSE TIME PERIOD

Applicant's undersigned attorney filed the above captioned patent application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 29, 2003. Applicants received a return postcard indicating that the application had been filed on August 29, 2003 and indicated a tentative serial number on 10/652849. After not receiving a Filing Receipt, Applicants filed a Request for Filing Receipt on December 16, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed. After still not receiving a Filing Receipt, Applicant's filed a second request for Filing Receipt on January 30, 2004, a copy of which is attached. After still not receiving anything from the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants undersigned attorney contacted the Patent and Trademark Office and was faxed a document that purportedly showed that the Patent and Trademark Office had mailed a Filing Receipt and a Notice of Incomplete Patent Application on December 3, 2003. These documents were not received until being faxed to the undersigned's office on March 9, 2004. Since the Patent and Trademark Office failed to respond to Applicants request for Filing Receipt which, if a response had been sent, Applicants could have avoided any Extension of Time fees. However, the Patent and Trademark Office ignored Applicant's requests. Therefore, Applicants request that the Extension of Time fee in this case be waived, and that Applicant's response to the Notice of Incomplete Application be entered, and that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

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